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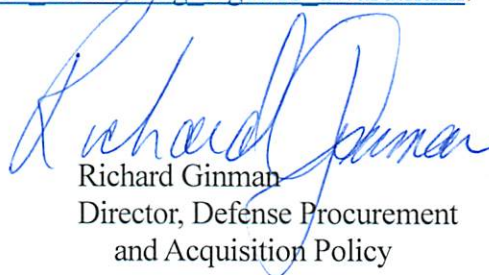
MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
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SUBJECT: 2014 Acquisition and Contracting Legends Award- Additions to Legends Gallery

The following three individuals have been added to the Acquisition and Contracting Legends gallery: Mr. Richard J. Cooney, Ms. Noreen Cassaro, and Mr. Charles T. Darnell.

Mr. Cooney, Ms. Cassaro, and Mr. Darnell were inspirational leaders committed to excellence and innovation in the field of contracting and acquisition. Short biographies of each honoree are found in the attached gallery.

The gallery is posted on the Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy website at [http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/ops/acquisition\\_contracting\\_legends\\_award.html](http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/ops/acquisition_contracting_legends_award.html).

  
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Attachment:  
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## **The Acquisition and Contracting Legends Gallery**

Contracting Legends were such an inspiration to us all, we should recognize and remember them.

**Sharon R. Parish:** Sharon was an inspirational leader throughout her 40-year Government career. Sharon was a “servant leader” who believed in “Mission First, People Always” and a champion of personal interaction and mentoring.

**Barney Klehman:** Barney was a passionate leader throughout his 41-year Government career, encouraging innovative thinking and commitment to mission success. A devoted mentor for many contracting professionals, Barney believed professional development was a life-long process.

**Mr. Richard J. Cooney:** Rich was an exceptional contracting leader and mentor throughout his 17-year Federal Government career. He was a true “trailblazer” in the DoD acquisition/contracting community and displayed unquestionable integrity and commitment to the mission.

**Ms. Noreen Cassaro:** Noreen was a consummate leader throughout her 37-year career who viewed people as DCMA’s greatest asset. She dedicated herself to mentoring and led by helping others, particularly through her involvement with the DCMA Learning-Center.

**Mr. Charles T. Darnell:** “Chuck” was a caring leader throughout his 30-year Government career, distinguishing himself on two deployments to Iraq. As an ACO he ensured our nation’s warfighter had the very best equipment and aircraft.